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Windsor Village Park's New Family Center Builds Sense of Community

Grand Opening of 12,000-Square-Foot Facility to Celebrate Neighborhood Unity

INDIANAPOLIS – (Jan. 22, 2009) Mayor Gregory A. Ballard will kick off the grand opening of Windsor Village Park Family Center at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in a parade from the former one-room community center at the five-acre park to Indy Parks' new 12,000-square-foot facility. Doors open for the festivities at 10 a.m. The celebration will be from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., followed by demonstrations of activities and programs.

"Windsor Village is our newest jewel, offering an amazing array of resources from the gymnasium and fitness center to the computer lab and outdoor play areas," said Mayor Greg Ballard. "Windsor is the perfect complement to an already wide range of Indy Parks' community centers serving thousands of kids and families throughout Marion County."

The support of many generous donors helped the Indianapolis Parks Foundation and Indy Parks secure \$2 million in public and private funding to bring the project to fruition, with the fundamental goal of empowering the Windsor Village community and instilling a legacy of hope for future generations. These partners include the Indianapolis Foundation, a Central Indiana Community Foundation affiliate; the Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust; Finish Line Youth Foundation; Indianapolis Power & Light Co.; Irwin Union Bank; and Safeco Insurance Foundation.

"Windsor helps us celebrate the strong community spirit and pride, and demonstrates how families and neighbors come together to overcome hurdles and harness hope for the future," said Indy Parks Director Stuart Lowry. "Indy Parks is proud of our role, and especially of the Indianapolis Parks Foundation's leadership role, in funding this needed center. We hope the future grows brighter in the Windsor community with our elevated involvement and support."

WHO:

Mayor Gregory A. Ballard; Indianapolis Parks Foundation Executive Director Cindy Porteous; Central Indiana Community Foundation President Brian Payne; City-County Councilor Mary Moriarty Adams; Indy Parks Director Stuart Lowry

WHAT:

Grand Opening of Windsor Village Park Family Center

Featuring performances by Rhodius Park Drum Line and Christian Park's A+ Performing Arts Academy

WHERE:

Windsor Village Park Family Center, 6510 E. 25th St.

WHEN:

10:30 a.m. Saturday, January 24, 2009



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About the Indianapolis Parks Foundation

The Indianapolis Parks Foundation is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to enhance the recreational, educational and cultural life of the Indianapolis community by fostering support for the Department of Parks & Recreation in Indianapolis. Over the past 17 years, IPF has provided more than \$11 million in private funding for programming, maintenance, capital needs and land acquisition.

About Indy Parks & Recreation

The Department of Parks and Recreation shall improve the quality of life in Marion County by providing recreational, environmental and social services in safe, clean parks and facilities that are models of stewardship and community. All park and recreation services are driven by support divisions which include administration, resource development and greenways, community recreation and sports, golf, park rangers, park maintenance and environmental services.

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